

## **Week of July 1, 2002: MaineDOT Flash Facts**

### **Topic: Holiday and Tourism Safety**

#### **Monday:**

Many people will be on the road this week. If you are traveling, make sure that you and your vehicle are ready for the trip.

Here's a pre-trip vehicle checklist:

- Fluids at proper levels? (Oil, coolant, brake fluid, windshield washer)
- How are your tires? (properly inflated, adequate tread)
- Are brakes functioning properly?
- Any repairs that you have been delaying? Get them done-do not take chances.
- Headlights, tail lights, directional signals, and side marker lights all working? (properly operating lights allow you to see and be seen)
- Windshield wipers working well? (wiper blades should be periodically replaced).
- Have you packed so visibility is clear and luggage is secure?

#### **Wednesday:**

Many Americans are on the road this week and MaineDOT reminds you to be a "Road Model" and drive safely.

The real key to crash prevention is safe driving behavior. Here are some reminders to keep you safe on the road:

- Driving is a full time task. Don't let distractions take your eyes or your mind from what is happening on the roadway.
- Maintain safe speeds.
- Be ready to safely react to problems on the road or the actions of other drivers.
- Make sure the driver of your vehicle is sober.
- Be rested before taking the wheel.
- Leave adequate space between you and the vehicle ahead.
- Make sure everyone buckles up.
- Maintain a safe distance from the vehicle in front of you.
- Stay calm, get plenty of rest and enjoy the ride!

#### **Friday:**

This will be a big travel weekend. When you are out traveling this summer, remember:

- Drive safely through construction work zones.
  - Drive at the posted work zone speed.
  - Drive with caution, concentration and common sense.
  - Stay alert for changing road and traffic conditions.
- Expect holiday traffic delays. (Leave yourself extra travel time)
- Watch out for:
  - Pedestrians
  - Bicyclists
  - Moose and deer
- Enjoy your trip!

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